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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development, DDS&T

SUBJECT : Estimate of Overseas Operational Flight
Expenses for FY-70 ☐

REFERENCE : ORD Memorandum 2673-69, undated,
Subject - Same as Above

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1. As requested, expense estimates in support of the ☐
Program are forwarded for your planning purposes.

2. These estimates are based on the following concept of
operations:

a. Subject to NRO approval, we envisioned that U-2C
aircraft will be the primary vehicle used on this project, how-
ever, U-2R assets are referred to in paragraph 2c.(1).

b. Argentina and Chile Coverage:

(1) A single operational base will be available
to support the flying activity during each time period.

(2) Detachment G (Edwards) will support these
requirements.

(3) A maximum of ten (10) days will be required
to complete the deployment, missions and redeployment.

(4) C-141 or KC-135 support will be used to
transport personnel and equipment. (Approx ☐ persons
and 22,000 lbs cargo).

(5) ☐ is not considered
a suitable operational base due to the 2500 NM distance
from ☐ to the requested flight tracks.

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c. Thailand Coverage (3 Options)

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(1) Option [] Acks can be flown utilizing assets at [] Aircraft to be launched and recovered at [] (Approx. 7 1/2 hours mission). No deployment required.

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(2) Option # 2 Aircraft and limited support personnel from Detachment G, but utilizing [] as a staging base [] to provide facilities, manpower assistance, etc.). This option requires [] Detachment G personnel and approximately 12,000 lbs cargo to support aircraft (U-2) ferry and peculiar spares ("R" Model vs "C/G" Model). 10 day deployment.

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(3) Option # 3 Using U-2 aircraft and full support from Detachment G and utilizing [] [] for operational base. This option requires approximately [] Detachment G personnel and 22,000 lbs cargo for support. Ten day deployment.

Note: MAC funded airlift required for paragraph c (2) and c (3) options.

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3. Inasmuch as no information was included in your reference as to whether the [] project would be operated under NRO sponsorship (and be absorbed within the normal mission capability of OSA) or would be conducted on a full reimbursement basis as a pure CIA project, cost estimates have been provided to cover either contingency.

4. Attachment 1 lists cost estimates divided among NRO, USAF, and CIA for the options listed in paragraph 2, assuming full reimbursement is required.

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5. If support for the project is to be sponsored by the NRO and absorbed within the normal OSA mission, additional costs will not accrue except as deployments exceed [] from Edwards Air Force Base. Our normal programming contemplates [] deployments per year from Detachment G and funds for such deployments are contained in our annual budget. If the South East Asia requirements were supported by [] [] no additional costs would accrue to the [] program.

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6. Deployment from [] in excess of the [] per year will require additional funding as indicated in Attachment 2.

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7. Subsequent to approval for U-2 utilization/participation in the [] project, please insure that OSA is kept current regarding definitive details of project plans and requirements.

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Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Attachment:
As stated (2)

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mess!*

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